

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### **S 0176 General Bill, By Alexander**

#### **Summary:** Cremation

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-63-74(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC FILING AND TRANSMISSION OF DEATH CERTIFICATES, TO PROVIDE THAT DEATH CERTIFICATES MUST BE ELECTRONICALLY FILED WITH THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS WITHIN THREE DAYS AFTER DEATH, TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL CERTIFICATIONS OF CAUSE OF DEATH SHALL BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO FUNERAL HOME DIRECTORS WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER DEATH BY THE PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE OF THE PATIENT'S CARE FOR THE ILLNESS OR CONDITION WHICH RESULTED IN DEATH, EXCEPT WHEN INQUIRY IS REQUIRED BY CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE CAUSE OF DEATH CANNOT BE DETERMINED WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS AFTER DEATH, A MEDICAL CERTIFICATION SHALL BE ENTERED AS PENDING AND A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS AND THIS REPORT SHALL BE MADE PART OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 32-8-325(A)(1), RELATING TO THE RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREMATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A DEATH CERTIFICATE ABSTRACT IS SUFFICIENT TO AUTHORIZE CREMATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 32-8-340(A), RELATING TO THE TIME PERIOD PRIOR TO CREMATION, TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS ALLOWING FOR THE USE OF A DEATH CERTIFICATE ABSTRACT.

<b>12/10/14</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/10/14</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs</b>
<b>01/13/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 116)</b>
<b>01/13/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 116)</b>
<b>04/21/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 25)</b>
<b>04/22/15</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>04/23/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 24)</b>
<b>04/23/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 24)</b>
<b>04/23/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 24)</b>
<b>04/24/15</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>04/28/15</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 13)</b>
<b>04/28/15</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 144)</b>
<b>04/28/15</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 144)</b>